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UNION TO INSPECT SALOONS.

Central Body Wants to Know if Nonunion Beer is on Tap.

The contract committee of the Central Labor Union was instructed last night to make an inspection tour of the saloons of the city to investigate reports that places exhibiting the card of affiliation between the Central Labor Union and the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association are handling non-union beer.

Although no official statement would be made of the condition of the brewery workers' strike, those familiar with the situation believe that if the sale of out-of-town beer continues the local brewers will be forced to sign the agreement which caused the break. The union men, it was said, are enforcing the boycott so strictly that the saloon-keepers have been compelled to take out-of-town union product.

The Wright and the Drake baking companies, of Brooklyn, N. Y., were placed on the "unfair list," it being alleged that they are shipping into the District products made under unfair labor conditions.

The business men of the city will be notified that the Central Labor Union is to issue its own labor day program, and that a committee with signed and sealed credentials will solicit advertisements, thus assuring the safety of the advertisers from impostors.

Dry Weather is Serious.

Chilpeper, Va., April 26.—The continued dry weather is a serious subject with farmers throughout this section, and farm work almost at a standstill on account of it. Streams are lower than in usual midsummer, and wells are going dry. Clouds of dust rise from fields as the plowing is done.

"Mask and Wiggers" Made Annual Bow Last Night

Famous Histrionic Club of University of Pennsylvania Gave Smooth and Spirited Performance of Musical Burlesque at Belasco Before Brilliant Audience.

By JULIA CHANDLER MANE.

The twenty-seventh annual production of the Mask and Wig Club of the University of Pennsylvania met with an enthusiastic reception at the hands of a brilliant audience which taxed the capacity of the Belasco Theater last night to welcome the famous histrionic organization in what is termed "An allegorical musical satire in two acts," entitled "Paradise Prison."

The vehicle for the exploitation of the gifts of the Mask and Wiggers this season follows the usual line of entertainment in which Washington has "rooted" for its favorites from year to year, "Paradise Prison" being a revue of generous proportion presented in a thoroughly happy vein.

The program explains that "each character in the cast represents allegorically, an entity, having a direct bearing on present social and political conditions," which is just another way of describing a clever burlesque for which Darrell H. Smith has furnished the book, and Charles Gilpin has provided the lyrics together with numerous original melodies and arrangements of bits from familiar musical comedies.

A tiny thread of romantic plot runs an evasive course through the burlesque, presenting a fascinating "heroine" in the person of P. R. Hill, who is something of a dimpled darling in the impersonation of Jane Grey, wearing several fetching frocks as an enhancement to "her" peaches and cream complexion, and demure in manner.

Playing opposite Mr. Hill as Jimmy Devereux is O. C. Wagenknight, who forms a plot to extirpate his friend, Henry Arcturus Peck, from his distasteful position as Warden of "Paradise Prison," which is run in accordance with the ideas of reform entertained by Penelope, his wife.

Mr. Wagenknight extracted much fun as he gave his friends in the audience last night from his role, and C. S. Payne, Jr., as the unhappy Warden, and Thomas Hart, as the "little society reformer," were capital in their respective characterizations. Mr. Hart making up excellently as a young woman of progressive ideas.

Filling the remaining roles of importance R. V. Bolger was seen last night as the political boss who has used the inmates of the prison for his own ends, and the prison was the distinctive comedy delight of the entertainment. Mr. Merrill is an imitator of rare ability, being most convincing in his impersonation of Charlie Chaplin in a "movie" burlesque, in which he was assisted by Mr. Wright, who gave a ludicrous interpretation of how Mrs. Peck would behave before the court.

The specialties, dances, and ensembles were this year arranged by Charles Morgan, Jr., who also instructed the Mask and Wiggers in their production, and, who deserves commendation for the smoothness with which the performance unfolded.

Of the specialties, the "Pierrotte silhouette dance" is the most unique, furnishing a striking study in black and white, the attractiveness of which was enhanced by the grace and agility with which the boys danced a comment which is applicable to all their terpsichorean feats.

There are numerous lifting melodies in "Paradise Prison," which are effectively rendered by the principals of the cast with the frequent assistance of an excellently trained chorus. The most appealing musical number is the gleeful feature, "Please Be My Model," in which the "leading lady" creates a perfect illusion of her feminine disguise.

This season's spirited production comes quite up to the high standard set by the "Penny" boys in all the years they have been coming to us with the regularity of the springtime, and the Mask and Wig Club has every reason to feel proud of its many histrionically-gifted members as well as the appreciation accorded their performance last evening.

COLUMBIA.

"The Spring Maid." The attraction offered this week by the Columbia Musical Comedy Company.

POLIS.

"So Much for So Much." The Pol entrance took the bill by the horns yesterday and gave Washington a big production of a pleasing play exactly five months after its premiere performance at

How Many Men Are Perfectly Proportioned? Possibly You May Find One in Every Thousand Whose Figure Is Not Lacking in Some Respect.

Not long ago the writer asked the above question of Mr. E. F. Mudd, who is undoubtedly the authority in Washington on such subjects.

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less than half the premiere prices. It is a play of purely elementary principles, which has to do with the new familiar story of the poor working girl who has a mother and brother depending upon her saved from a lecherous employer, but is developed along somewhat different lines and bubbles with laughter as well as tears.

Lovely Mary Brennan fills the position of typist in the large business house of William Stearns. She loves Tom Hughes, a poor newspaper man (they always are poor), but they cannot afford to marry until he can relieve her of the responsibility of supporting the family. Mr. Steadman is very pleasant to Mary and takes her to theaters and restaurants, but by and by, on a little motor trip, at a wayside inn, he reveals his true self. The management does not wish us to disclose the dreadful denouement of the plot—sufficient it is to say that Mary escapes the spider web, with brave Tom's assistance. It is a picture of the temptations of young girls who are employed by unscrupulous men. Sad to relate, all girls do not escape the net as did Mary Brennan.

What really made the performance most interesting was the exceptionally good acting of every member of the cast. Maude Gilbert was sincere and effective as Mary, and Albert Roscoe was an admirably heroic newspaper man. Helen Tracy was the Irish-American mother Mary to the life, and Graham Vesley was in his element as Mary's younger brother. Robert Lowe, Gavin Harris, Teresa Dale, Marion Welch, John Kling, and Jack Elliot, it goes without saying, acted in the other important roles.

B. F. KEITH'S.

Vandeville.

Trailering many other notables of stage-dom in the ranks of the two-day, Charlotte Walker is the attraction at B. F. Keith's this week.

Miss Vandeville in a fantasy called "The Might Have Beens." The little piece is a dream of a childless couple and its appeal is irresistible. Middle-aged and just beginning to realize the emptiness of this life, the couple sit by their fireside. As the winds sigh outside and the huge crackles, they find themselves in a dream world.

In tiny pajamas and night gown, the tots clamber into the arms of the lonely couple. Then, just as the happiness of the two seems complete, the children disappear.

The fantasy is staged with keen sympathy. The replica occupies the center of the stage, facing away from the audience, making the auditorium in itself the fourth wall of the little library. Mrs. Walker plays the wife with poetic charm, while S. J. Worthington gives capable support as the husband. The children are played by Reginald Sheffield and Georgia Mai Fursman.

Elly R. Van, who is better known as "Topsy," is one of those comedians who do not require lines to get the laughs. The Beaumont sisters also are comedians of rare talent who serve as excellent foils for Mr. Van.

The balance of the bill includes Cecil Cunningham, a pleasing singer; the Bell family, Mexican singers and dancers; Charlie Abbott troupe of comedians; Harry and Eva Park; the Four Night-ones; the Volunteers, an excellent quartette, and moving pictures.

GAYETY.

"Girls from Hapsland." "The Man from Rector's," a ludicrous burlesque, in which full of fun and serves as a mighty clever piece for "The Girls from Hapsland," a burlesque of burlesque entertainers, to put across a show that is quick in succession of comedy, dancing and music.

The success of this entertainment is due to the possession in liberal degree, to which the enthusiasm of the two large audiences attested yesterday to the comicality of the presentation of the qualities of a large number of musical numbers rendered in lively fashion by solo voices.

The principals of the show are notable. Princess Lupa herself has a voice of excellent quality, which the audience was quick to appreciate and loath to give any other hand. The troupe of comedians of comical hand provokes, who contribute a goodly portion of the merriment.

The Creighton sisters and Nellie Lockwood complete the unusual excellence of the femininity that is featured, and their dancing is distinctly enjoyable and a real hit.

The chorus, satisfactorily nimble and with quite a few of the young ones in large and frequently on the stage in spectacular ensembles as to add materially to the fullness and brilliancy of the performance. There are several solo numbers which were appreciated.

The show is pleasing in every respect that one expects when he visits a burlesque house. It is full of new and funny songs, music, swift-moving fun, and sartorially perfect girls.

CASINO.

Vandeville. Laughter greeted the famous Simian star, Lady Betty, the adopted daughter of the famous ape Consul, in her human impersonations at the Casino Theater at yesterday's performances, in which the actress from monkeyland smoked, danced, played musical instruments, ate with real table manners and did many other things in a ludicrous way. Lady Betty is the star of the bill and an especial delight to the children. Another laugh-maker of unlimited ability is the famous Hapsland girl comedienne, Marie King Scott, "The Venus of the vine-clad hills of Indiana," as she calls herself, in a veritable comedy of the farm, filled with new and funny sayings and stories, combined with rustic wit and humor. "Newport and Kirk" open the bill with "The Barber's Busy Day," filled with new and funny sayings and stories, combined with rustic wit and humor. "Newport and Kirk" open the bill with "The Barber's Busy Day," filled with new and funny sayings and stories, combined with rustic wit and humor.

The feature play presents Mary Pickford in her dramatic success with Belasco, "The Little Devil," instead of Paul Armstrong's "The Deep Purple," an advantageous change being found possible at the last moment.

COSMOS.

Vandeville. A dainty and melodious leading act to the Cosmos Theater bill this week is furnished by the Martha Washington Quintet of singers, with an accomplished harpist, in a galaxy of operatic and light songs, selections, including the barcarole from "The Tales of Hoffman," "The Blue Danube," the "Lullaby" and other solo and ensemble numbers.

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I. O. O. F. CHEERS PLEA FOR PEACE

District Odd Fellows Celebrate Ninety-sixth Birthday of Order.

A strong plea for world-wide disarmament at the close of the present war brought rounds of applause from an audience of 2,500 when sounded by Third Assistant Postmaster General Dockery at exercises in celebration of the ninety-sixth anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Odd Fellows' Hall last night.

In spite of the intense heat, the hall was filled with friends and relatives of members, and on the stage the highest officers of the order in the District were seated among palms, roses and Odd Fellow banners. In addition to Postmaster Dockery's address, an extensive vocal and instrumental program was rendered.

After praising the good-fellowship which the Odd Fellows aim to create, Mr. Dockery contrasted the present conditions of this country and Europe, saying: "When this terrible war is over, when this flow of blood has ceased, I earnestly hope that disarmament will be effected and that this good-fellowship shall be universal."

Willard Holcombe in Town. Willard Holcombe, playwright and former Washington newspaper man, arrived here yesterday to spend a week in the interest of the presentation of the Kinemacolor motion pictures of European war scenes at the Belasco. The pictures shown for the first time in Washington on Sunday evening and Monday morning. Taylor announces a week's engagement beginning May 3.

FOX MUST PAY \$29,964. Woman Wins Suit Against Real Estate Broker.

Justices of the District Supreme Court of Appeals yesterday concurred in a decision that Edmund K. Fox, a realty broker, must pay \$29,964.25 with interest from September, 1913, to Mrs. Louise H. Patterson. Mrs. Patterson alleged that Fox represented that the California Apartments were the property of a certain owner, while in reality the apartments belonged to Fox himself and James J. Lampton. Through Fox, Mrs. Patterson alleged, she traded seventeen houses for the apartments and that in the deal Fox was both seller and buyer. Mrs. Patterson was represented by Attorneys Henry E. Davis and Charles H. Merrill.

EXONERATES LIEUT. TAUSIG. President Wilson Disapproves Court Martial Findings.

President Wilson has disapproved of the findings of the court-martial in the case of Lieut. John O'E. Tausig, Seventh Infantry, and has ordered the officer restored to duty. Lieut. Tausig was convicted by the court on the charge of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman while stationed at Vera Cruz, and was sentenced to be dishonored. The President held that the allegations on which the charges were based were not proved beyond a reasonable doubt and ordered the officer restored to duty.

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Canoe Heralds Summer. Following closely the general appearance of straw "lids" yesterday, the canoe, another sign of summer, made its appearance on the Potomac River. While less fortunate creatures were sweltering in offices and workshops, hundreds paddled idly up and down the banks of the river. Boathouse kept in and above Georgetown rented all their craft.

CELEBRATES "PROSPERITY DAY." Chicago Forms Twelve-mile Parade to Honor New Mayor.

Chicago, April 26.—With a parade 12 miles in length, including 500 floats and more than 6,000 automobiles, Chicago today celebrated "prosperity day" as a part of the inauguration of William Hale Thompson as mayor. More than 70,000 persons were in line when the head of the parade formed at Grant Park. Mayor Thompson assumed his official position tonight.

Virginian Gets \$8,000 Job. B. F. Buchanan, of Marian, Va., a member of the Virginia State senate, was yesterday appointed by Comptroller John Skelton Williams to a \$8,000 office, that of legal adviser to the Comptroller in the matter of insolvent national banks.

Honduras wants United States candy. Leinster, Connaught, and Munster provinces, Ireland, contain small coal mines.

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